Warning

How to have a . . . No Bust Party!

LOS GATOS TOWN CODE SECTION 18.50.115

Allows the police to charge a fee for police services when those services were the result of a large gathering of persons that are disturbing the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the neighborhood.

If police respond to your party, they will put you on notice that a second response will result in a billing for police services.

These charges for police service can be substantial and may be in addition to any other necessary police actions such as arrest

For more information regarding any of these "No Bust" party tips, contact:

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Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police
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Los Gatos, CA 95030
(408) 354-6842

8 Tips

From The People Who Know

Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department

Act Sensibly And Be Responsible

We want you to have a good time with your friends. However, sometimes one person's fun can be another person's aggravation. If you're planning to throw a party, we suggest you follow these simple rules. . . .

1 Consider Your Neighbors

Remember that some people have small children who go to bed early. Some of your neighbors may be sick or elderly or someone may have to go to work early, even on weekend mornings. It's a good idea to let your neighbors know about your party beforehand so they can expect some extra noise and people.

2 Let Us Know Ahead of Time - Call 354-8600

Prefer not to have the police show up at your party? Call us before your event. We'll put your contact information on our party notification log. If we get a complaint, normally we'll just call and ask you to quiet it down.

3 Serving Liquor to Minors is Illegal

It's also a fast way to get your party shut down. We follow a policy of citing or arresting the responsible person(s).

4 Limit the Number of People You Invite

Be sure to know who your guests are. You can call us to help you if uninvited guest come and you cannot get them to leave. If we come to do this, it does not necessarily mean we will stop the party.

5 Don't Allow Drugs at Your Party!

We have no discretion when faced with drug use.

6 Don't Let Drinking Get OUT OF CONTROL

Don't let a few extra drinks ruin your party. You may be legally responsible for the actions of the people attending your party. As the person holding the party, you should stay in control of your guests.

7 Keep The Noise Down

Officers don't drive around looking for parties to break up but they do respond to citizen complaints. Bands, stereos, car engines, and the noise of dozens of people yelling, singing or even fighting often result in a complaint to the Police Department. Excessive noise is against the law and, remember, noise becomes more of a problem as the night goes on. Keep the party reasonably quiet and chances are there will be no problem.

8 If Officers Do Come to Your Party: Cooperate With Them!

Officers have a legal right and obligation to investigate complaints and to enforce the law, even if it means coming onto your property to do it. Listen to what they say and try to correct the problem.